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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND MOSCOW OVIR CHIEF:

FELDSTEIN, LEIMER, MICHELSON CASES

1. SUMMARY: CONSOFF CALLED ON MOSCOW OVIR CHIEF TO DISCUSS US REPRESENTATION LIST XV AND PROCESSING OF FELDSTEIN, LEIMER AND MICHELSON CASES.

2. CONSOFF CALLED ON CHIEF OF MOSCOW OVIR FADEYEV JULY 27 TO REGISTER DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MORE CASES IN MOSCOW JURISDICTION ON US REP LIST XV HAD NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED. AFTER THANKING FADEYEV FOR THOSE CASES IN WHICH THERE HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY OUTCOME, CONSOFF OBSERVED THAT ABOUT 475 MOSCOW AREA FAMILIES NOTED ON LIST CONTINUED TO AWAIT EXIT PERMISSION. CONSOFF CALLED FADEYEV'S ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO FELDSTEIN, MICHELSON AND LEIMER CASES.

3. CONCERNING FELDSTEIN (MOSCOW 0636), CONSOFF POINTED OUT HIS SOVIET WIFE FILED EXIT VISA REQUEST FEBRUARY 16, AND OVER FIVE MONTHS HAD PASSED WITHOUT ANY RESPONSE. WITH REGARD TO LEIMER (MOSCOW 5954), CONSOFF NOTED EXIT VISA REFUSAL MAY 21 AND FACT THAT PROMINENT AMERICAN WRITER (FEIFER) CONTINUED TO SUPPORT HER APPLICATION. WITH REGARD TO MICHELSON (MOSCOW 5257) CONSOFF STRESSED THAT CURRENT STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS CERTAINLY JUSTIFIED SOLVING THIS SEVENTEEN-YEAR OLD CASE. CONSOFF INDICATED HE FELT "ENOUGH PUNISHMENT" HAD ALREADY BEEN METED OUT TO FAMILY BY SOVIETS.

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4. IN BRIEF ENSUING DISCUSSION FADEYEV INDICATED OVIR OFFICES WERE VERY BUSY BECAUSE OF SUMMER TOURISM TO "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROCESSING OF EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL IMPOSED HEAVY WORKLOAD, WHICH PERHAPS ACCOUNTED FOR DELAYS IN OTHER CASES. IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTION, HE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS TO REWRITE SOVIET LAWS OR REGULATIONS ON EMIGRATION.

5. COMMENT: CALL ON MOSCOW OVIR REPRESENTS FURTHER EFFORT ON PARTS CONSOFFS TO ESTABLISH OR CEMENT DIRECT CONTACTS WITH IMPORTANT OVIR CHIEFS. CALL WAS ARRANGED BY MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL VASILYEV, WHO APPARENTLY SERVES AS MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION LINK TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS ORGANS. FADEYEV MADE NO PROMISES, ASMOSHPERE WAS BUSINESS-LIKE, AND TIME WILL ONLY TELL WHETHER CAUSE OF MICHELSON, L LEIMER OR FELDSTEIN WAS IN ANY WAY ADVANCED.
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